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Applicant: Schonebeck
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Title: METHOD OF PRODUCING A VEHICLE INTERIOR LINING
AND VEHICLE INTERIOR LINING

Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the final Office Action of August 24, 2005, please consider the following arguments. Claims 1-22 remain pending in the application including independent claims 1 and 22.

Claims 1-3, 6, 13, and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Burmester et al. (US 4486493). Burmester discloses a seat cushion that has an inner foam core 4, a spring body 1 on top of the foam core 4, a buffer layer 3 on top of the spring body 1, and a seat cover 2 that encloses the entire cushion. Thus, Burmester does not disclose a vehicle interior lining.

The examiner argues that the buffer layer 3 of Burmester corresponds to the claimed decorative layer for the vehicle interior lining, and that the spring body 1 of Burmester corresponds to the claimed barrier layer. The examiner also argues that applicant "has not

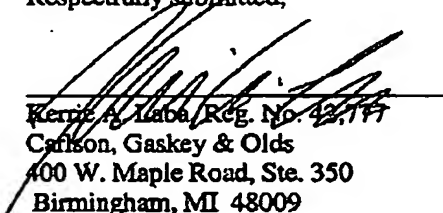
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does not disclose a spacer having an open cellular structure as claimed, and which is capable of being infiltrated by liquid plastic during a back foaming process.

Applicant asserts that all claims are in condition for allowance and requests an indication of such. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.


Respectfully submitted,


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